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SUBJECT: CERP/EAL: LARGER "THIRD REFINERY" CONFIRMED

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1. SOURCE INVOLVED REFINERY PLANNING CONFIRMS PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT REFTEL THAT REFINERY OF 7-10 MILLION TONS ANNUAL CAPACITY NOW ENVISIONED. UOP RPT UOP EXPECTED COMPLETE TECHNICAL STUDY IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS. SAUDIS SAID TO HAVE APPROVED REVISED PROJECT; GOL APPROVAL PROBABLE SOON. GOL PROBABLY WILL RESTRICT BIDDING TO SELECTED "QUALIFIED" FIRMS.

2. COMMENT: THIS WOULD APPEAR MAKE REFINERY \$100-200 MILLION PROJECT AND BRING ITS REALIZATION CLOSER, ALTHOUGH WE WONDER IF SOURCE NOT OVERLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT EARLY GOL POLITICAL APPROVAL.

3. SUGGEST USDOC ACQUAINT INTERESTED FIRMS WITH REVISED STATUS. LONDON MIGHT ALSO WISH TO INFORM PROCON (DAVIES OR GERRO) AND TEHRAN LUMMUS (STEVENSON).
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